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#### Year of Missing the Boat

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ock surge is also the result of among pension fund money rs of missing a rally. And it re-e growing feeling that progress made on reducing both the na-trade deficit and the Federal deficit — and that the economy slow over the next year or so.

institutional investors have ed the stock rally, and individ-estors have yet to contribute the buying push. They have, in en net sellers throughout the unup. Some analysts, however, e speed with which stocks have ving will tempt more retail in-into the market.

#### Packing and Filling

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sure, the market took its time and filling around the 1,300 and

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**REAGANS VISIT NEW YORK: President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, in Newark on way to the Plaza Hotel for National Review banquet. Page B3.**

## U.S. Official Says Cuban Advisers Engage in Combat in Nicaragua

By BERNARD GWERTZMAN

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 — The State Department's top Latin America official said today that Cuban military advisers had become increasingly involved in combat operations against rebel forces in Nicaragua.

Testifying before a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee, Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, said, "You now have Cubans fighting, not just in Africa, but on the mainland of North America."

He confirmed a report that the largest Nicaraguan rebel group, the Nicaraguan Democratic Force, shot down a Soviet-built MI-8 helicopter on Monday and that two Cubans were among the 14 casualties.

Mr. Abrams said there were about 2,500 Cuban military advisers in Nicaragua, "and they aren't just advisers."

"They seem to be in combat, too," he said.

The United States, he said, was getting "more and more reports of Cubans involved in combat" against the rebels, who receive backing from the United States.

He said the helicopter had been shot down by a hand-held Soviet-made SA-7 antiaircraft missile that the rebels could have either bought on the world market or captured from the Sandinista forces. The rebels have boasted in statements recently of having antiaircraft missiles for use against the Soviet-made helicopters that have been used increasingly against them in combat in the past several months.

#### Advisers 'Found Everywhere'

In an interview, Mr. Abrams said there were no Cuban combat units as such in Nicaragua. Rather, the Cubans have become more active in fighting side by side with the Nicaraguans, he said.

"Let me be clear," he said. "We are not saying that there are Cuban units fighting in Nicaragua. That is not happening. You do have Cubans advising smaller and smaller infantry units, especially the counterinsurgency units."

"In fact, the Cubans are now the backbone of the Sandinista Army."

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improperly removed from the rolls.

#### Rules Are Issued

Since then Congress has unanimously passed legislation overhauling the disability program. Today the Social Security Administration issued rules to interpret and carry out the 1984 law.

The rules provide that individuals will continue to receive disability benefits if current medical evidence shows no improvement in their ability to work since they were last evaluated. In the previous reviews, some people were deemed able to work even though the medical evidence did not show improvement.

"We have worked diligently with all segments of the public in developing regulations that insure a consistent disability program nationwide," Mrs. Heckler said. "This Administration has long recognized the need for making this program more humane and compassionate."

#### Major Questions Seen

But Jonathan M. Stein, director of Community Legal Services, a legal aid agency in Philadelphia that has represented many disabled people, said today: "I am really concerned and worried that the resumption of reviews may lead to the same problems that befell those who were reviewed a few years ago. Most of the defects in the system still exist."

Some major questions, such as how to evaluate pain, are still unresolved, he said.

Representative James R. Jones, Democrat of Oklahoma, chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, said he was concerned that "the Department of Health and Human Services may once again, as in 1981 through 1984, create pressures to turn out decisions too quickly, sacrificing careful review for

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## Britain Confirms Its Plan to Quit A 'Harmfully Politicized' Unesco

By JO THOMAS

Special to The New York Times

LONDON, Dec. 5 — Britain, which 40 years ago was one of the key founders of Unesco, will withdraw from the 160-member organization at the end of this year, the Government told the House of Commons today.

Timothy Raison, the Overseas Aid Minister, made the announcement, charging that the agency, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, is inefficient and badly managed and has been "harmfully politicized."

month that the spokesman said showed a willingness to achieve reform.

"Those decisions can only be put into practice from within," he said. "The West German Government hopes that results will soon be achieved that will

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Their advisers are found everywhere, even in relatively small units. They do more than advise; they fight."

### Cubans Said to Be Pilots

Mr. Abrams said the Cubans were piloting the MI-8 and MI-24 helicopters supplied to Nicaragua in the past year by the Soviet Union. The MI-8 can carry 30 soldiers and is heavily armed. The MI-24, which carries only 12 soldiers, is faster and more maneuverable and carries special tracking equipment.

He said the introduction of the helicopters marked "a significant shift" in Soviet involvement in Nicaragua.

"These helicopters are one of the main Soviet anti-insurgency weapons, as we know from Afghanistan," he said. "The resistance is at an enormous disadvantage in fighting against the helicopters."

Other officials said that Cubans were also flying small spotter planes to provide information for the helicopter gunships.

"We have a lot of evidence about this," a State Department official said.

### More Aid Sought for Rebels

Mr. Abrams made it clear in the House hearing and in the interview that he hoped the disclosure about the Cuban military involvement would lead to greater support in this country for the rebels' military needs.

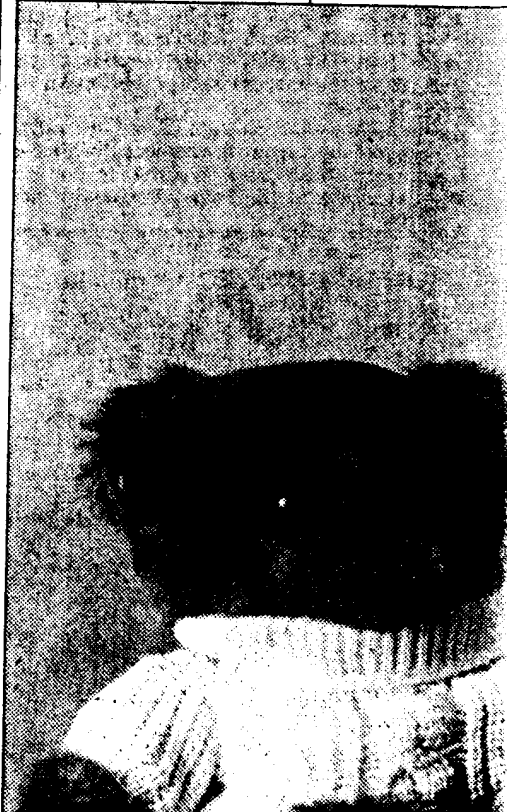
Under current laws, the rebels are entitled to receive \$27 million in humanitarian assistance. In addition, the United States can provide planes and trucks to deliver the material to the rebels. Mr. Abrams said that of the \$27 million authorized, \$9.5 million had been obligated and \$3.7 million spent on food, clothing, medicine, medical care, transportation and nonlethal equipment.

He said the only equipment the rebels have had to defend themselves against the helicopters has been the SA-7's they were able to get by themselves. The rebels have received funds from private groups and reportedly from some other governments for military equipment.

There were no plans to counter the Cuban military advisers with American involvement in Nicaragua, State Department officials said. They said the policy remained the same: for the rebels to do the fighting, provided they received sufficient aid from the United States.

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Another State Department official said the United States had suspected the Cubans were piloting the helicopters because they were being flown "too often and too well to be Nicaraguans."

He said that unlike the American advisers in El Salvador, who are not allowed to enter combat zones or to be equipped with more than a personal weapon, the Cuban advisers go everywhere with the Nicaraguan units they are attached to and carry weapons and ammunition.

"And if appropriate, they shoot," he said.

The official said there were also reports of the Nicaraguans being helped by leftists from Chile who have received training in Soviet bloc countries for insurgent activity inside Chile. He said that there was some evidence that the Sandinistas prefer the Chileans to the Cubans.

#### Anti-Terrorism Aid Backed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 15 to 1 today for a new \$22 million program to fight terrorism in Central America, overriding complaints that the money could go to those responsible for human rights abuses.

The plan won bipartisan support after the panel first rejected, 14 to 1, the Reagan Administration's initial proposal for a broader \$54 million counterterrorism effort.

The measure reflected a last-minute compromise in which the Republican majority agreed to limit use of the funds at the insistence of Democrats, who expressed fear that human rights abusers would get the money.

#### Laser System Expected By Weinberger in 90's

BONN, Dec. 5 (Reuters) — Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger said today that the United States might have the ability to deploy an antimissile shield using ground-based laser weapons as early as the mid-1990's.

Addressing a German-American seminar in Bonn, Mr. Weinberger said recent breakthroughs in research on the Strategic Defense Initiative, commonly called "Star Wars," had convinced Washington that a working system could be ready much sooner than previously estimated.

Experiments in Hawaii have resulted in a method of removing the effects of the atmosphere on lasers and showing that high-quality beams can be projected into space in any weather, he said.



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